

PASSENGER TRAIN ON FIRE IN CUBA

Engineer Dashes Into a
Burning Savannah.

TIES YIELD, TRAIN STOPS

Cars Ignited by Blazing Grass—No
Lives Lost—Mail and
Baggage Saved.

HAVANA, April 2.—A passenger train running from Havana to Santiago was almost entirely destroyed by fire last night near Victoria de las Tunas, Province of Santiago. The savannah in that neighborhood was burning and the railroad ties had caught fire.

The engineer had no notice of the fire, and drove his train into it. The rails spread and the train was derailed. The fire soon communicated to the cars, and one sleeper, the Pullman, one first-class, two third-class and part of a baggage car were destroyed.

No lives were lost. Another train took the passengers to Santiago. Sir William Van Home, president of the railroad company, explains that a fire in a woodpile near the line caused the ties to catch fire. No baggage or mail was lost.

THE FRENCH LEGATION HAS MISLAID RUSSIAN

The local police have been asked to look out for and find a Russian dog with the inscription "Desportes, Legation of France," on its collar. The canine was lost by an attaché of the legation on Friday.

Compulsory Education May Be Realized Here

Federation of Women's Clubs and Board of
Trade Subcommittee on Neglected Chil-
dren Mean to Push Measure.

Compulsory education will become a law in the District of Columbia if the efforts of the Federation of Women's Clubs and the Board of Trade subcommittee on neglected children can push the measure to success.

A bill providing that children of the District must attend school and receive a common education, at least, is now before the Commissioners of the District, and will be presented to Congress before the end of the present session. The bill will also regulate child labor in the District of Columbia, which is now without such a law, although this is enforced in thirty-three States of the Union.

Mrs. Mussey at Head.

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey is chairman of the first organization and also of the subcommittee on neglected children. Both committees have been active in gathering statistics relative to the number of children in the District who attend school, and the condition generally of children here.

In Washington there are 48,000 children of an age from six to seventeen years. Aside from those who are now at school, 1,000 under age are employed in the city's

shops. Some of these can read and spell a little, and probably write their names. But their education ends, and without a law to compel these children to attend some sort of classes they will grow up in ignorance, and resolve into a discredit not only to themselves but to others.

Careful research on the part of the committees has revealed the fact that there are 38 children between the ages of ten and fourteen years who are absolutely illiterate. That means that these children have no knowledge of reading, writing, spelling, English, or the most simple form of any kind of education, and no effort is being made to teach them.

In Reformatories.

Local reformatories now house more than 400 children who live in the District of Columbia and the records show that in the past year 1,275 arrests were made of children of a school age.

The bill, which it is expected will go before Congress in a short time, will provide a rule that children who are employed must have some sort of an education. Many citizens of Washington have become interested in this bill, and it is believed when its advantages are shown by the results of the law in other cities, it will receive the indorsement of both houses. Should the compulsory education law go into effect in the District of Columbia, it is believed that it will do much to eradicate vice and materially reduce the roster of local reform institutions. Its value to the child in after life cannot be overestimated.

BUSINESS ALMOST STOPS IN LONDON

City Deserted During the
Easter Holidays.

EVEN NEWSPAPERS SUSPEND

Britishers Off to the Country or the
Continent Mostly on Pleas-
ure Bent.

LONDON, April 2.—Easter in Europe this year, as always, is being observed not merely as a holiday, but as a season of festivity, and the result is that all business is put out of joint to an extreme undreamed of heretofore.

On Good Friday, London was deserted, and every business place was closed; evening newspapers were conspicuous by their absence, while there were fewer trains than usual on the various railroads.

Today it has been almost the same, and as Monday is also a holiday, there will probably be no change. Even Tuesday and Wednesday will be largely devoted to recovering from the dissipation of the holiday. For well-to-do Englishmen, Easter is usually devoted to a trip to Paris, so that the traffic on the channel steamers has been very large, special excursions having been run at cheap rates.

REACHES ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 2.—William E. Church, who was arrested in Philadelphia, arrived here today to answer the charge of having murdered Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yeater, his benefactors, at Warrenton, Mo., last August.

Son of Revolutionary Soldier Wants Pension

E. C. Jennings, of Springfield, Ill., Now 93
Years of Age, Appeals to Representa-
tive Caldwell for Aid.

Representative B. F. Caldwell of Illinois, has received from one of his Springfield constituents, a letter asking for a pension on the ground that he, the constituent, is ninety-three years of age, and the son of Revolutionary soldier. The name of this pension applicant is E. C. Jennings, and he says that he is the son of Nathan Jennings, of Willington, Tolland county, Conn., and that his father served four years and three months under General Putnam. The address of E. C. Jennings is 147 North Third Street, Springfield, Ill.

The letter which Mr. Caldwell has, was evidently written by a feminine member of Jennings' family, but the signature appears to be that of an old man, although the handwriting is fairly firm and entirely legible. Among other things Jennings says he is quite ill and in need of money. He also takes baths to state, evidently for the private information of the Representative, that he has always been a Democrat, and that he voted for Andrew Jackson.

Applicant Ineligible.

Mr. Caldwell called at the Pension Office and found that Jennings is not eligible for a Revolutionary pension as only widows of the soldiers who fought to gain freedom from England are eligible. The Illinois Representative will, therefore, introduce a bill to grant a pension to his constituent by special act.

"It does seem strange," said Mr. Caldwell, "that at this late day we

we should run upon another connecting link between the Revolutionary period and the present. As far as I am able to judge, Jennings' letter is an authentic one, and I shall do all in my power to get a pension for him."

Five on List.

There are at present only five Revolutionary pensioners on the lists of the Pension Office. Three of these are daughters of Revolutionary soldiers, pensioned by special acts of Congress and two were pensioned as widows. Esther S. Damon, of Plymouth Union, Vt., served two and a half years with the Massachusetts troops; Sarah C. Hubbard, of Little Marsh, Pa., aged eighty-five, was pensioned by special act, as the daughter of Elijah Weeks, who served two and a half years with the Massachusetts troops; and Rhoda Augusta Thompson, of Woodbury, Conn., aged eighty-two, was pensioned as the daughter of Thaddeus Thompson, who served six years with the New York troops.

It is because these daughters of Revolutionary soldiers have been given pensions by special acts that Mr. Caldwell, who is the son of a Revolutionary soldier, is entitled to one, too.

ISAAC NEBENZAHL CAUGHT IN PARIS

Charged With Embezzle-
ment of \$32,000.

MANAGED A SHIRT COMPANY

Was Traced to Vienna, Munich, Berlin,
and Finally to the French
Capital.

PARIS, April 2.—A. L. Drummond, former chief of the United States Secret Service, today arrested Isaac Nebenzahl, of New York, on a requisition from the State Department at Washington, on the charge of embezzlement. Nebenzahl, who formerly was manager of the Excelsior Shirt Company, of New York, disappeared last May. It was claimed that his accounts were \$32,000 short.

Drummond traced Nebenzahl to Vienna, Munich, Berlin, and Paris. M. Paris, assistant chief of the Paris detective, assisted Mr. Drummond. Nebenzahl was located at the Grand Hotel, and later was at a small family hotel, where he was arrested. He offered to return to the United States. He had \$30 in his possession when arrested, and said he had lost \$100,000 speculating in Wall Street.

Nebenzahl is held pending the arrival of papers from Washington.

Perfect Hot House Facilities
and a perfect knowledge of flowers result in Gude's growing the finest American Beauties in America. 1224 F.

17c Silk
Mousseline, 12¹/₂c
(Monday Only.)

This is one of the most popular fabrics for summer waists, and makes up exceedingly pretty.

It is two-thirds silk.
Shown in the following colors—light blue, champagne, cherry red, pink (2 shades), white, cream, gray, Nile green, and black.

Always sold at 17c a yard.
A special bargain for Monday only at, a yard, 12¹/₂c.

29c Voile
Sextette, 18c yd

One of the season's best novelties in Washable Suits. We started the season with a few pieces at 29c. Last week when we found a chance to buy a quantity to sell at 18c we picked them up without hesitation. The weave is an almost perfect imitation of woolen voiles. They come in navy blue with white, brown with white, black with white, plain gray, tan, green, and national blue. A yard while they last, 18c instead of 29c.

75c Turmoil
Suits, 39c

A real novelty for spring costumes, being adapted either to tailored effects or fancy dress modes. This material has about an equal number of colored and white mercerized threads woven in a sort of helter-skelter manner giving a very novel and pleasing all-over pattern effect. Choice line of spring shades, all perfectly washable. Actually worth 75c yard. While they last at, 39c.

Linings

At Temptingly Low Prices.

15 pieces Soft-finish Fast Black Mercerized Satene. Reduced to, a yard, 9¹/₂c.
24-inch Shadow Silks, in all the new spring shades and fast black. Reduced to, a yard, 9¹/₂c.
10 pieces Silk-finish Guaranteed Fast Black Percaleine. Our 25c quality, at, 12¹/₂c.
Silk Velour, in all colors and fast black. Special, a yard, 19c.
25-inch Guaranteed Fast Black Moist-finish Percaleine, were 13¹/₂c yard. Reduced to, 8¹/₂c.

NOTIONS.

Black Sewing Silk, 1c a spool.
Light-weight Dress Shields, 6c.
Laces 2 and 3; dozen, 65c; a pair, 10c.
Admantine Pins; dozen, 10c.
Warren Featherbone Stock Collar Foundations; covered with silk chiffon, straight and pointed styles; each, 6c.
Keystone Hooks and Eyes; 3 5c.
Easter Brown Hose Support; 15c.
J. J. Clark's 200-yard Sewing Cotton; a spool, 2c.
Mercerized Crochet Cotton; a ball, 2c.
C. B. C. Mohair Skirt Binding; black and colors; 10c quality, 7c sale price, 3-yard pieces.
Kann's Moist-covered Dress Shields; double covered; warranted: Size, 2 3 4; Pair, 15c 21c 24c; Dozen, \$1.50 \$2.25 \$2.90.
Kann's Light-weight Dress Shields, fully warranted: Size, 2 3 4; Pair, 15c 21c 24c; Dozen, \$1.50 \$2.25 \$2.90.
Gem Ne Plus Ultra Pins, 200 pins to paper, solid heads, needle points. Regularly 5c. Sale price, 2 papers for, 10c.

LINENS.

29-in. wide extra heavy Cream Irish Table Damask, 5 choice patterns, all pure linen. Tomorrow, a 49c yard.
29-in. wide Bleached German Damask Scarfing, regular 25c quality, special, a yard, 17c.
17-in. wide Bleached Linen Barnsley Crash, special, a yard, 8c.

Always the
Best of
Everything
For the Least
Money.

SKANN'SONS
8th St. & PA. AVE.
"THE BUSY CORNER"

49c SILK FOULARDS, Pin-Dot 29c Patterns, 29c

\$1.25 Satin
Liberty, \$1.00.

100 pieces Broche and Hem-
stitched effects in Printed Satin Lib-
erty, in a most attractive collection
of patterns. 24 inches wide, and
use, \$1.25. Special at, \$1.00.

49c Printed Habutai, 39c.

25 pieces All-silk Printed Habutai. This fabric
is made in Japan and printed in Lyons, which
is sufficient guarantee as to its quality and pretty
patterns. Mostly all navy-and-white and
black-and-white in small designs, 22 inch-
es wide. A usual 49c quality, at a yard, 39c.

A One-Day Special Offering.

AN irresistible bargain for tomorrow only.
We secured from a maker 50 pieces of All-Silk Printed Messaline
Foulards. This fabric is firm, strong, and bright. The designs are
specially adapted for Shirtwaist Suits, being neat pin dots of white
mingled with navy, brown, goblin, reseda, royal, tan, and black.
It is 22 inches wide and always sells at 49c a yard. Twenty cents
saved on every yard of silk is certainly an incentive for a new silk
gown, isn't it? For tomorrow only, a yard, 29c.

Satin Printed Foulards, 49c

50 pieces All-Silk Satin Printed Foulards in
an elegant assortment of designs and colorings.
Neat effects suitable for Shirt Waist and more
dressy suits. We guarantee this fabric.
22 inches wide, and a usual 49c quality.
Special tomorrow at, 49c.

Cheney Bros. Foulards, 75c

The name of Cheney Bros. is famed far and
wide for the quality and style of its silks. We
have just received 100 pieces of Cheney Bros.
Celebrated Foulards in a large range of designs
that are exclusively our own. The
popular colorings are represented. These
make up into beautiful costumes, 24 inch-
es wide, and a yard, 75c.

BUY THESE DRESS GOODS
AND YOU'LL SAVE CONSIDERABLE MONEY.

You can't buy as good elsewhere for as little—nor can you buy the same here regularly for so little. Some lots are "job lots" that we got "away" and r-p-r. They are the kinds you want for tailored gowns, for shirt-waist suits, and dresses in fancy, elaborate modes.

BLACK Silk and Wool Noyse Voile. A new effect. A material especially adapted to the revived 1890 style. 44 inches wide. A yard, \$1.69.

BLACK Silk and Wool Japan Crepe. A very rich black cloth for fashionable costumes; 44 inches wide. A yard, \$1.98.

BLACK Silk and Wool Eolienne. One of the season's prime favorites. \$1.49 grade tomorrow, a yard, \$1.25.

BLACK Mohair and Wool Granite. Shown elegant. For tomorrow a special price on the 95c grade, a yard, 75c.

BLACK Pointelle Crepe. A new weave that is a close favorite with Crepe de Paris, 44 inches wide; 95c grade. Tomorrow, special, a yard, 69c.

BLACK Venetian Cloth. Got 7 pieces of the 42 grade in a bargain lot. Perfect goods. One of the best sellers and at tomorrow's special price one of \$1.49 the very best values. Yard, \$1.49.

Monday Only.

25-inch All-wool Scotch and
Mixed Suits. Reduced to,
a yard, 39 cents.

55c English Seclian, in royal
and navy. Special, yard, 65c.

55c English Seclian Mohair, cravat
finish, 54 inches. \$1.98

25-inch All-Wool Batiste and Nuns' Velling, in all colors; also cream and black. Reduced to, yd., 37c.

30c Cream Chevot, all wool, 48 inches. Special, yard, 79c.

OLIVETTE-Silk and wool, 42 inches, in pretty shades of champagne, tan, mode, silver gray, medium gray, reseda, brown also cream and black. Specially priced, a yard, 98c.

HOMESPUNS—For general wear there's nothing more the vogue. A very special value for tomorrow in 54 inch, all-wool Homespun—choice of two of the best 75c.

COVERTS, 56-inch all-wool, tan Covert for jackets; \$1.49 grade. Specially priced tomorrow, a yard, \$1.25.

ALBATROSS—Several pieces each of gray, tan, brown, blue, reseda, light blue and pink, royal and cream; all wool and worth 50c. Offered tomorrow, a yard, special, 37c.

Chances to Save a Third on
Snowflake Madras
Cross
Stripes

All made with colored cross stripes—those from 65c to \$1.38 have woven cotton stripes. All from \$2.25 up pure silk cross stripes. Full range of colors. Eight different lots.

\$1.00 Curtains, 69c \$3.50 Curtains, \$2.39

\$2.00 Curtains, \$1.29 \$4.00 Curtains, \$2.98

\$2.50 Curtains, \$1.69 \$5.00 Curtains, \$3.39

\$3.00 Curtains, \$1.98 \$6.00 Curtains, \$3.98

Laces and Embroideries

50 dozen fine French Fancy Mesh Chenille Spotted Vells, 12 yards long, assorted styles, colors, and combinations; were 50c and \$1.00. Special for Monday, each, 49c.

55 cartons of fine French Valenciennes Edgings and Insertions, heavy and light effects; elegant range of patterns to select from; 50c and 60c qualities. Special, a dozen yards tomorrow, 39c.

White, Butter, Ecu, and Two-tone Oriental All-over Laces; choice effective patterns; \$1.75 and \$2.00. Special, a yard, \$1.25.

Venice Insertion, in white, butter, and ecru; this spring's best patterns; 50c to 60c quality. Special, a yard, 25c.

Desirable lot of Venice Galloons, in white, butter, and ecru; a large variety of patterns to select from; 40c and 50c qualities. Special, a yard, 29c.

15,000 yards Machine-made Torchon Laces and Insertions, 1 to 4 inches wide; all complete match sets; regular 5c to 12c qualities. Sale price tomorrow, a yard, 2c.

Fine Swiss and Nainsook Insertion and Beading in dainty patterns; 12c to 15c quality. Special, a yard, 8c.

A tempting lot of Cambric, Swiss, and Nainsook Edging, Insertion, and Beading, in an unexcelled collection of patterns; 12c to 15c quality. Special, a yard, 8c.

Wide, showy Cambric, Swiss, and Nainsook Embroideries, in particularly effective patterns; 20c to 50c qualities. Special, a yard, 12c.

(First Floor.)

Couch Covers, \$1.00.

Kinds no better frequently sell for twice as much. These are in Persian and Oriental striped effects, good colors that will not fade. Light weight tapestry and 50-in wide, finished with deep fringe all around. Just the sort of Couch Drapery for spring or summer. THIRD FLOOR.

Cannon Cloth,
Woth 12¹/₂c 7¹/₂c
a yard, 7¹/₂c

Two cases of mill ends of steam-shrink Cannon Cloth, good lengths, 36 inches wide, clean, perfect goods, and worth 12¹/₂c a yard. Ready for tomorrow at a yard, 7¹/₂c. (Domestic Dept.)

Bolster Cases, 31c.

Good well-made cases, 45 by 72 inch strand torn and ironed, made the straight way of good cotton, and worth 38c. For Monday, only each, 31c. (Domestic Dept.)

Cambric, 9c.

36 inches wide, fine soft kid-finish Cambric, suitable for undergarments, and of a quality that is as good as the favorite Lonsdale, but at 9c a yard less. Worth 12¹/₂c. 9c. (Domestic Dept.)

"Fashions" Free.

The April number is superb. Contains several stories. A page about spring hats. Two pages of New York and Paris Fashion notes. 28 Pictures of French Dress Blouses. A page of Shirt Waist suggestions. A page of some Fancy Work Hints. And a page of new recipes for the cook. Worth 10c, but FREE at the pattern counter to all who ask for it.



HOUSE-CLEANERS WANT THESE.

Not only because they are needed now for housecleaning, but because they are ALL OFFERED AT DEEPLY CUT PRICES. When you consider the usual cost of things for cleaning house "RIGHT," the prices here named, and special prices on many others, ought to be intensely interesting to the economically inclined. The third floor ought to be crowded. We don't see how it can help being.

Best quality Moth Balls, full strength; regularly 5c pound. Sale price, 3c.
Refined Tar Camphor, large size can; regularly 45c can. Sale price, 29c.
Naphtha Camphor, full strength; 35c cans, 25c; 25c cans, 15c.
Manahan's Moth-proof Tar Paper, large size sheets, dozen, 45c; a sheet, 5c.
Manahan's Moth-proof Tar Bags, best quality; 7c size, 55c; 50c size, 44c; 45c size, 35c.
7c bottle Kann's Household Ammonia, full strength. Sale price, a bottle, 3c.
2c bottle Kann's Furniture Polish, best quality. Sale price, 19c.
Brunswick "Easy-bright" Polish, for all kinds of metal; 25c size, 15c; 10c size, 7c.
"Dead Stock" that means death to all vermin, but not poisonous to human life. Sale price, bottle, 15c.
"Rising Sun" or Enamel-stove Polish; regularly 8c. Choice of 5c each.
2c can "Capolin" Stove Pipe Enamel. Sale price, 14c.
5c can Butcher's Boston Polish or Hard Wax Finish. Sale price, 44c.
2c can "Electric Cleaner" for cleaning carpets. Sale price, 19c.
Kann's best quality decorative Enamel—13 pint size, 8c; 1/2 pint size, 18c; pint size, 25c.
Kann's best quality Prepared Paint; all colors. Sale price, 9c.
Kann's best quality Gloss Wood Stain, assorted colors. Sale price, 9c a can.
"Lokko" Cleansing Soap. Sale price, 3c.
4c can for 24c.
"Burnshine," for cleaning all kinds of metal; 25c cans, 25c; 15c cans, 14c.
2c can Red Seal Lye. Sale price, 4c.
Best quality Ivory Laundry Soap. Sale price, 23c.
Brooks' Crystal Soap. Sale price, 3c.
Finola Washing Powder; will not injure hands or fabrics; large boxes for 9c; smaller ones 4c.
James Pyles' Pearlina. Sale price, 4c a box.
Rabbit's best Laundry Soap. Sale price, 24c.
Best quality Shelf Paper, assorted colors; regularly 15c. Sale price, 3c a sheet.
2c best quality Turkey Feather Dusters, 14-inch size. Sale price, 18c.
Best quality Proctor & Gamble's Olden Soap. Sale price, 3c.
7c best quality Bristle Floor Brushes, 12-inch size, complete with handle. Sale price, 49c.
7c first grade Solid-back Scrubbing Brushes. Sale price, 4c.
James Pyles' Pearlina. Sale price, 4c a box.
Rabbit's best Laundry Soap. Sale price, 24c.
Best quality Shelf Paper, assorted colors; regularly 15c. Sale price, 3c a sheet.
17c "Popular" Carpet Sweepers of make. Sale price, \$1.09.
15c "Never Sags" Curtains. Stretchers; adjustable, with nickel-plated pins. Sale price, 88c.
2c Japanned Tin Dustpans, with good quality large size dust brushes. Sale price, 14c for both.
2c best quality Mop Sticks, complete with large floor mop. Sale price, 15c.
2c best quality Household Brooms; well made, extra good sizes. Sale price, 15c.
2c extra quality Stove Brushes; good sizes. Sale price, 14c.